

ATTACHMENT A

(VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE)

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for forming water-soluble silver ion releasing glass fibers, the method comprising providing a composition suitable for producing a water-soluble silver ion releasing glass having a dissolution rate of at least 0.01mg/cm<sup>2</sup>/hour wherein the glass former comprises phosphorous pentoxide; and heating said composition to 750 to 1050°C, being above the melting point of said glass to form a molten glass, cooling at least a portion of said molten glass to a holding temperature then allowing said glass to cool to a preselected working temperature of 400 to 900°C, ~~maintaining the temperature of the portion of said molten glass at the working temperature~~ and then processing said molten glass having said working temperature into fibers.
6. Claim 6 has been cancelled.
14. Claim 14 has been cancelled.